

King George V - 'British Empire Exhibition 1924 and 1925' Issues.

A special commemorative set of postage stamps was commissioned specifically for use at the British Empire Exhibition held at Wembley in 1924, and again the following year. The stamps used for the 1924 Exhibition were altered to read 1925 for use at the 1925 Exhibition.

The **1924 BEX** issue has the distinction of being the **first Commemorative Stamps to be released in Great Britain**. New South Wales (Australia) was the first in the world, with their '100 years' Commemoration set in 1888.

Designer of the chosen design

- **Harold Nelson** (1871-1948)

The engraving was executed by **J A C Harrison**, and the stamps recess-printed by **Waterlow & Sons** from plates of their own manufacture.

Printing details

The stamps were recess-printed by **Waterlow & Sons** using printing plates of their own manufacture. The stamps were printed in sheets of 120, arranged in two panes of 60, i.e. 10 rows of six stamps. The sheets were divided before being issued to Post Offices. Vertical delivery coils were also produced for both values, and both issues.

Issued dates - 23rd April 1924, and 9 May 1925.

The individual quantities of sheets stamps sold are not available,
other than the total print order for 17 million stamps.

The number of different Perfin dies known for each value are shown below.



1924 1d - 45 dies



1924 1½d - 65 dies



1925 1d - 6 dies



1925 1½d - 9 dies

A total of **79** different Perfin dies can be found on the issue, involving **125** DDF.
Perfin figures correct to **25th March 2020**.

A list of Perfin dies for these issues has been included in the 'Exhibitions' study.